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RHODE ISLAND ELECTION.

The final result of the election in Rhode Island places the Democratic party in full control of all the offices of the State Government, from the governorship down to the clerkships of the courts, including the lieutenant-governorship, the secretaryship of State, the attorney-generalship and the treasurership. The wave of Democratic victory that has passed over the whole Union from Helena, in Montana, to Albany, in New York, had not, it seems, spent itself when it reached Rhode Island, but in addition to the general influences everywhere prevalent, that have conducted to Democratic success, there were, in that State certain local influences that did much to increase the extent of the local victory.

It is a notable fact that wherever the Australian system of voting has been adopted at the North, the number of voters casting their ballots in favor of the Democratic candidates has been very much increased, and this is to be attributed to causes that can easily be understood. It is due essentially to the entrapment under the Australian system of the power of the manufacturers to bring an improper pressure to bear upon their employees to control their votes. This power is necessarily very seriously diminished, and the consequence is that a very large and an ever growing proportion of the workingmen support the Democratic party because it more fully represents their interests and aspirations than the Republicans.

The victory of the Democrats in Rhode Island was brought about, to a very important degree, by the greater freedom of choice and action which the Australian system allowed. The result of the elections in Connecticut and Massachusetts in November last, under this system, in both instances so favorable to the Democratic party, although the Republican candidate for the Governorship in Massachusetts succeeded by a very narrow majority, was due substantially to the same general cause.

There is reason to believe in consequence of this general fact, that under the operation of the Australian ballot law, New England as a whole will develop with the progress of time, an unmistakable disposition to follow Democratic leaders and Democratic principles, for this is the legitimate result of the emancipation of the workingmen, who constitute in such manufacturing states, the bulk of the voters.

Two sides of the ruinous business of gambling in futures in necessary articles are presented by the failure of the Nashville Merchants' and Traders' Produce Exchange. The immediate cause of this was that rise in wheat and pork on the Chicago market, the Exchange having been dealing in futures of wheat and produce.

THE TIMES acknowledges the receipt of the publications of the Leander McCormick Observatory of the University of Virginia, vol. I, part 4, and "The South's redemption" from the Atlantic Coast Line.

SENATOR QUAY's recently appointed postmaster James S. McLean, of Pittsburgh, has notified his Democratic letter-carriers, in violation of the civil service law, that their services will no longer be required. Where is Mr. Harrison?

WHEN the Marine band played on the White House lawn Easter Monday, "Where did you get that hat?" Did it intend to reflect upon "My Grandfather?"

REPUBLICANS compelled to hear protests from negroes against the Congar lard bill are between the deep sea and the devil.

THE People's Answer to Read—Carefully Cutted Clippings. (Lynn, Mass., Bee.)

Let us see how the people are answering Speaker Reed and the administration, and let us note the drift of the young men. The Republicans have had charge of the government for over a year, and in Washington, in the Senate, in the House, in the War Department, and in the Treasury, they have not yet been passed, and their friends are beginning to inquire seriously what the matter is.

Early in the fight for this just and enlightened measure, a great cry was raised, that it would result in a book trust, by which the prices of reading might be sustained by the unnatural laws which seem embodied in so many combinations of capital. So cried the opponents to the bill, and now comes the news from Washington that these very opponents are themselves organizing a book trust "to advance and control the price of reprints." This is exactly what the copyright bill will not do, and the reasons for this have been summarized as follows:

The selling price of books depends not on the copyright, but on the requirements of the market and the extent of the market that is controlled by the author and his representative.

American buyers are accustomed to cheap books, and will not buy dear books, and the publishers are not likely to throw away their money by making dear books for which they could not find a sale.

The wider the markets and the greater the number of editions between which the first outlays can be divided, the smaller the cost of each edition and of each copy, and the lower the price at which each copy can be and will be supplied.

With assured markets, and an assured control to authors and publishers of the results of their literary undertakings, there will be a great increase in the publication of international series, which will provide for American readers, at the lowest prices, satisfactory editions of the works of the leading writers of the world, American, English and Continental.

In olden times when men were hanged for stealing a sheep, piracy was condoned. In modern times when sheep stealing has become less of a crime, piracy, except the piracy of brains, is regarded as heinous by such countries as Mexico, Hayti and the United States.

If the present Congress wishes to make a record for itself, let it do two things, put an end to piracy by passing the copyright law, and in so doing, put an end to highwaymaning by crushing the book trust.

NEGRO CONVENTION.

It is announced by a leading member of the colored convention that assembled in this city on yesterday that its object is to take into consideration the social, moral and political condition of the negro in this state. So far, even the most partial and interested friends of the race must acknowledge that good has been accomplished by the various colored conventions that have from time to time come together, not only in Virginia, but elsewhere. The ostensible object of these conventions has been to improve the general prospects of the negro by calling special attention to his needs, but their

real object, in too many instances, has been to denounce the white people of the South, and thereby to inflame the sectional antipathy of the North. Only too often, therefore, they have been the means of inflicting serious harm upon the negro himself, by alienating from him the sympathies of his most unselfish friends, the Southern people.

If the colored convention now in session in this city, were to continue its deliberations to a conservative and dispassionate examination of the condition of the colored races in Virginia, and were to discuss with a single view to arriving at the truth, the best method of improving that condition, then its work will be regarded with respect and consideration by all men, but if it falls into denunciation, and allows itself to become a mere catnip to secure such objects as designing white politicians may wish to carry out, it will receive in an unstinted degree, that contempt and indifference, which under these circumstances, it would richly deserve.

If there is one iota of common sense among its individual members, they will be slow to commit the error of even appearing to array the two races against each other. Let its members, on the contrary, do all that lies in their power as delegates to the present convention to cultivate, by conciliatory language, the warmest feelings of good-will between the whites and blacks. If peace and kindness do not prevail in their relations, it is the negro who suffers in consequence the most serious damage.

THE TIMES—*Thoughts of Immunity.* (New Haven, Published in the)

The world is too day and not feel her soul with righteous indignation and wrath, has no woman's heart in her bosom. It is a shame of it if it can graze unmoved upon that soul which has seen a man stretched down impressively upon my shoulder, upon two birds' heads. It seems to have given her bonnet trimmed with a hand composed of twenty birds' heads. It seems hardly credible that any woman could be found with a taste so depraved as to think this beauty alone were there are many who would wear it with pleasure.

Enter the proprietor, and the thief of hand, and point to the thief the hand of a man. I cannot stand in a speech like this lookout was perch'd in an admirable position, and the view, even in this place of views, was unique. You tell your queen to come up, come up, come up, come up, and observe the view, said the proprietor.

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